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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
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Group Art Unit: 2614

For: SET-TOP ELECTRONICS AND  
NETWORK INTERFACE UNIT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1-15, without prejudice.

Please add the following new Claims 16-25:

1-- 16. (NEW) A set-top electronics and network interface unit arrangement for use with  
an internal network configured to provide a network connection between the set-top electronics